

Stop the Outer Loop Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name

Jason Pagan

The Outer Loop has been tabled for now. What is your stance on the Outer Loop proposal and any future bypass that may be proposed?

I am opposed to the outer loop. My wife's family owns land in both west and east Daviess county for almost 100 years. The west county property has been farmed for over 85 years and their east county property is in its 3rd generation of ownership. I do not want to see that taken away just so the government can put in an outer loop bypass. This will drastically hurt the value of the land and cause land to be taken from farmers and property owners. The population of Daviess County does not warrant an outer loop. We are not the size of Louisville and do not have the traffic needs for such a project. The amount of revenue that also would be diverted from the current businesses could drastically hurt our local business owners. With the extension of the bypass around the new hospital and off of Hwy 60, many businesses have been affected already.

What is your stance on Highway 56 improvements and what do you propose?

Who is proposing these improvements? Is this something west Daviess County farmers and land owners are advocating for or is the local government looking for a place to spend money? If the farmers and land owners on Hwy 56 are for this improvement so as to better their farming ventures and lessen traffic, then I am for it. However, with that being said, I am not for widening the roadway just because the government wants to spend money to widen a road.

As county lands continue to be developed, what is your stand on future annexations of county lands into the city of Owensboro?

I am opposed to the city annexing any land in the county. There are properties inside the bypass that have chosen not to be annexed into the city for a reason. They are considered county property and only pay county property tax. As a retired State Trooper, I understand the challenges for emergency responders (fire and police, specifically). The local fire departments and OPD respond to emergency calls for properties recognized as "city" properties; county fire department and the Sheriff's office respond to those emergency calls for "county" properties that are in the middle of the city or are outside the city limits. As a candidate running for the office of Property Valuation Administrator, I know that annexation will cause residents' property taxes to go up because now they will be paying city taxes in addition to county taxes.

Do you think that Daviess County government should provide or pay for ditch cleaning of major waterways on private property?

This question does not pertain to the office of the Property Valuation Administrator.

What are some areas of the current county budget that could be cut to lower taxes?

This question does not pertain to the office of the Property Valuation Administrator.

Do you see our Planning and Zoning process as an impediment to business growth? How could it work better?

This question does not pertain to the office of the Property Valuation Administrator.

Serious crime seems to be way up in Daviess County. How will you work toward protecting residents and their properties?

This question does not pertain to the office of the Property Valuation Administrator.

Do you agree with the current occupational tax structure? Do you think current tax rates are fair? If not, how would you work to change it?

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